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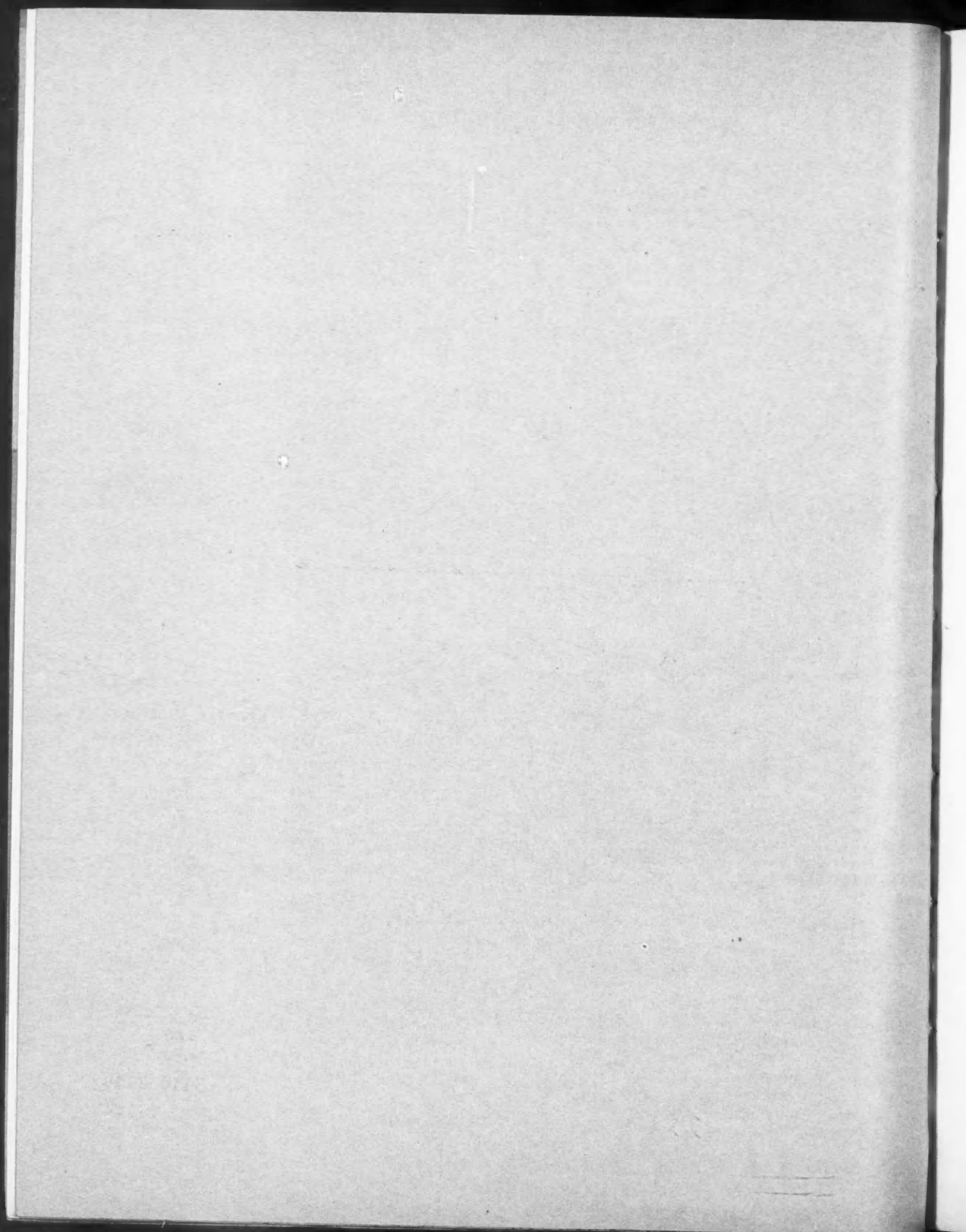
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NOTE: Addresses for the committee members may be found in the Handbook and Supplement

Important Change

*The time of the breakfast at the Town House
 on December 18 has been moved forward to
 8:15. Please note, and do not oversleep.*

Treasurer's Report

December, 1930		Money paid out	
1930-31 memberships paid this year	129	Stamps	\$ 5.00
1930-31 memberships paid last year	3	200 envelopes	.40
	132	300 envelopes)
		Printing 500 notices) 4.00
Subscriptions to Handbook	76	Printing 500 envelopes)
Subscriptions to Bulletin	99	Printing Bulletin	20.00
FINANCIAL REPORT		Postage for Bulletin	5.00
Money received		Envelopes for Bulletin	1.70
Money in treasury Sept. 1930	\$ 97.34		36.10 36.10
Money collected this year to date	214.00	Money on hand	275.24
	311.34		Ruby Charlton, Treas.

Institute Sessions

LIBRARY SECTION

California School Library Association, Southern Section

Thursday, December 18, 1930

Breakfast Session

Thursday, December 18, 1930, 8:15 a.m.

The Town House
2959 Wilshire Boulevard

Miss Marjorie Van Deusen, Belmont High School, Chairman

Speakers: Lorado Taft, America's greatest sculptor

Horace Liveright, distinguished publisher and producer of plays

Besides these speakers there will be other interesting guests of honor

(Reservations must be made in advance. See breakfast announcements)

Afternoon Session

Belmont High School Library
1575 West Second Street

PROGRAM

1:30 p.m.: Business Meeting. "Visual Material for School Libraries," Miss Annette Glick, Visual Education Department Los Angeles City Schools
(There will be an exhibit of posters, pictures, and other materials shown in the library)

2:00 p.m.: "The American Language," Mr. Alfred Benshimol, Principal, Belmont High School, Los Angeles
"The Librarian Abroad," Miss Abbie Doughty, James A. Garfield High School, Los Angeles; Miss Hope Potter, South Pasadena High School

Group Conferences

2:45 p. m.

Elementary School Libraries; Miss Elizabeth Williams, Chairman. Room 206.

1. Review of Miss Fargo's new book: "Program for the Elementary School Library Service," followed by a discussion of local conditions.
2. "Unrequired Reading" in Elementary Schools.

Junior and Senior High School Libraries; Miss Gladys English, Chairman. Room Library.

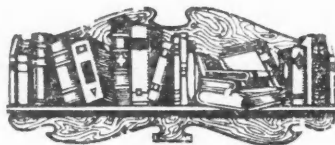
1. Speaker: Miss Mabel C. Hermans, Assistant, Psychology and Educational Research Department, Los Angeles.
2. Junior and Senior High School Reading

Junior College Libraries; Miss Fay Tanison, Chairman. Room 205.

1. Apportionment of Budget
2. Report of the Library Session of the November Conference of the American Association of the Junior Colleges at Berkeley.

GUESTS AT THE INSTITUTE BREAKFAST

The Los Angeles School Library Association usually invites as guests to the Institute dinner or breakfast sessions certain members of their Board of Education and Library Committees who are directly connected with the school libraries. We hope that other local Library Associations in Southern California will invite as their guests some members of their Boards of Education or those connected with their school libraries. In case such guests are invited, Miss Elizabeth Williams should be notified as to the name and office of each guest so they may be placed in seats of honor at the breakfast.



Committee Reports

BOOK COMMITTEE

The Book Committee is busily engaged in working out its plan of evaluating books from the school library viewpoint. The usual book reviews are inadequate and unsafe as guides in school library book selection, yet opportunities to read books that are new (unless one buys them) are seldom met with. The committee felt that some means should be found whereby its members could obtain books to read and evaluate for the benefit of fellow school librarians. Through the courtesy and cooperation of Mr. Leslie Hood of Vroman's Book Store of Pasadena, loans are now being made to the committee for this purpose.

The committee is confining its efforts entirely to weighing books in the *school library scales*. They read the books wholly, or in part, as the individual case seems to require in order to discover the best and to exclude the unsuitable. "Is the volume popular or scholarly? partisan or unbiased? dull or interesting? Is its effect on the reader stimulating or depressing? wholesome or pernicious? To what ages and types of pupils will it appeal?" are some of the questions answered about each book evaluated. 3 by 5 cards bearing the above and additional questions are carefully checked. A vote of approval or rejection is recorded, remarks added, and the card signed. These cards will finally be filed at the Readers' Adviser's Desk of the Los Angeles Public Library where they may be consulted.

On the first Saturday of each month a workshop meeting known as the Book Breakfast Club is held in the staff restaurant of the L. A. Public Library. All present at these meetings are regarded as "members at large" of the Book Committee. Their contributions are most welcome and their recommendations are recorded on evaluation cards. It is the aim of the committee to make of this a real "cooperative." Lists of books evaluated will be printed in the BULLETIN. Suggested titles for evaluation will be welcomed from those who can not attend the breakfasts as well as from those who do.

Reservations for breakfast should be made with the Information Desk of the Public Library the day before. Breakfast is at 9:00 o'clock and costs 75 cents.

HANDBOOK AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Handbook and Membership Committee has been compiling an up-to-date list of librarians in Southern California and forwarding it to Miss Patton of the Northern Section, who is bringing out the new handbook. By correspondence with Mr. Conrad, Miss Britton, Mrs. White, Miss Morgan of San Diego, with the Santa Monica group, and by checking the corrections with Miss Charlton's membership returns, we made an alphabetical list, starring the paid-up members. We also made a list by counties and towns, alphabetically. An estimate was made of the number of handbooks asked for, as indicated by the returns to the treasurer; these should reach her before the Institute meeting on December 18.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

During the American Library Association meeting in Los Angeles, State Superintendent of Education Vierling Kersey, called together the following group to discuss school library problems.

A. L. A. Representative
State Board of Education Member
State Library Representative
Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey and Mr. Arthur Gould.

Heads of the Library schools of the State
Heads of the Teachers' Training Colleges
School Library Directors of California
Representative librarians from the Northern and Southern Sections

There was an informal discussion of the following topics:

1. The library in public elementary and secondary education
2. The librarian and the teacher
3. School libraries, public libraries and instruction
4. Librarianship training and teacher training
5. Library credentials
6. Correlating librarianship-teacher activities
7. Library training schools.
8. Standards in training and service
9. Supply and demand

While there was no attempt to settle definitely the various problems considered, there developed in the interchanging of reports and opinions, the general conclusion that librar-

ianship and library service have come to stay as integral parts of the modern educational scheme. There is need for better understanding of this fact on the part of teachers, principals, and superintendents, for librarians at present are ready to assist valuably in providing for the child the rich experience in keeping with progressive education.

The growing importance of the elementary school library was dwelt upon. In this connection too there needs to be a closer understanding between the principal and teacher and the librarian as regards library service.

It was also suggested that the term "librarianship" be included in the new state teacher's certificate.

It was generally felt desirable that a small committee be appointed by Mr. Kersey to work out more definitely some of these problems.

Helen F. Estill, Chairman

The Professional Committee of the A.L.A. has decided to study various problems in the field of training for school librarianship. Miss Eleanor M. Witmer of Columbia University is the chairman of the A.L.A. school librarians and has asked our professional committee to cooperate with them in making the report for California more complete than it otherwise could be.

This year they will try to "Analyze the difficulties encountered by trained school librarians during their first two years of school library service."

We have all had problems! Will you please take time to record yours so that we may help some future librarian? School librarians are still pioneering, but by working together we will more rapidly define our status and find out what we are to do and what we are not to do with our limited time and energy.

What type of difficulties did you encounter with your administrators, faculty, and students? What technical problems puzzled you most with your books, selecting, cataloging, classifying, evaluating, grading, circulating, etc? Did you meet with administrative trials? If so, what were they?

Let others profit by your experience, please, and send your list to Helen F. Estill, Fairfax High School librarian. Los Angeles should be able to contribute many constructive suggestions to Mr. Stone, the chairman of this national committee.

Helen F. Estill

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Representatives of teacher training institutions (including library schools) which are accredited by the State Board of Education, met at San Jose October 31 and November 1.

An interesting feature of the meeting was a discussion of "Practice and Procedure in Student Teaching." This led to a decision that a syllabus is needed on teacher training, which shall be a guide to all Teachers' Colleges in the State. This will be published by the State Board of Education, and will be similar in size and importance to the volume on the "Growth and Development of Children," recently published by the State. We hope that this may prove to be an opportunity to place a well-rounded course in Children's Books and Instruction in the Use of Libraries in the curriculum of Teachers' Colleges of the State. Dean Darsie has promised his aid in introducing this. Mrs. Clement, of the State Board of Education, is also interested.

Mrs. Clement announced that bills are to be presented to the State Legislature, which will (1) give to the State Board of Education the power to define requirements for credentials without including them in the State Code; (2) provide for the elimination of county certificates and county examinations; (3) reduce credential fees.

Dr. Cubberly gave a very interesting sketch of his investigations of teacher training in eastern states. Young, inexperienced teachers should not be sent to Columbia. They train supervisors and administrators. There is a surplus of teachers all over the United States; New York City Normal schools have a supply for four years ahead. Yale University will admit only one hundred to its Graduate School of Education and trains for individual types of work. Massachusetts Normal Schools limit their intake by having definite requirements in scholarship, qualities of leadership, health and personality.

The State Board of Education is collecting statistics of the number of graduates of teachers' colleges and library schools this year who have not been placed in positions.

Faith E. Smith

NEWS NOTES

Bulletin readers will be happy to hear of the engagement of Miss Rosa Cage, our Association president of last year, to Mr. George L. Mauger of Reading, Penn. The announcement was made on November 15, by Miss Frances Fraser at a luncheon at her home in Riverside. Mr. Mauger, who attended the U. S. Naval Academy and later the University of Washington, is now vice-president of the Sequoia and General Grant National Park Company. The wedding is scheduled for early in the new year, and the couple expect to make their home in Sequoia during the season, and in Los Angeles during the winter months.

While deeply regretting that it means the loss of a delightful fellow worker from our group, we are happy to extend our very best wishes and the hope that the continued residence in California will mean a continued participation in library affairs.

BOOK BREAKFAST CLUB

The "premier" of this interesting new organization occurred on Saturday, December 6, and was attended by forty-seven enthusiastic school librarians. It was planned and sponsored by the Book Committee of the Southern Section of the C.S.L.A. under the chairmanship of Miss Ella Morgan. Through the courtesy of Miss Newton, a member of the committee, a most appetizing breakfast was served to us in the pleasant dining room of the Outside Inn at the Los Angeles Public Library. During the breakfast, members of this Committee briefly discussed and evaluated twelve recent books with reference to their usefulness and suitability for school library purchase. Informal discussion of the books followed.

The Book Breakfast Club is a unique idea in library professional organizations and one which meets a real need. The busy school librarian will welcome this experiment in co-operative reviewing and this opportunity for a helpful exchange of ideas on book selection.

The club will meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Outside Inn of the Los Angeles Public Library. Members will please note, however, that owing to the interruption of the holiday season, the next meeting will be on Saturday, January 10 at the same time and place. This promises to be one of the most enjoyable and helpful meetings ever sponsored by the Sou-

thern Section, so send in your reservation early to Miss Newton at the Los Angeles Public Library.

Time and space forbid the inclusion of annotations for the books considered at this meeting. Evaluations of these are listed on cards and are to be kept on file for reference at the Readers' Adviser's Desk in the Los Angeles Public Library. Blank cards are there also, on which librarians may suggest books to the committee for future evaluation. A list of the titles reviewed by the committee at this first meeting follows together with an indication of the grade of student for which the book is suitable:

RECOMMENDED FOR SCHOOL USE

Author	Title	Publisher	Price	Grade
Allen	Model aeroplanes	Stokes		6-8
Andrews	Gandhi of India	Macmillan	2.50	11-12
Baldwin	Pedlar's pack	Stokes		5-7
Banning	Sixhorses	Century	4.00	9-12
Berry	Girls in Africa	Macmillan	2.00	5-7
Buchan	Castle gay	Houghton	2.50	10-12
Canfield	Deepening stream	Harcourt	2.00	12
Crew	Alanna	Harper	2.00	6-9
Douglas, Martin & Oliver	Three boys in Africa	Putnam		5-9
Eddingtons	Tundra	Century	2.50	9-12
Ferris	When I was a girl	Macmillan	2.50	9-11
Galsworthy	On Forsyte 'change	Scribner	2.50	12
Oakley	Enchanted Brit-tany	Century	4.00	12
Peck	Story book Europe	Harper	2.50	6-8
Plimpton	Your workshop	Macmillan		4-7
Powell	In Barbary	Century	1.50	12
Priestly	Angel pavement	Harper	3.00	12
Ricker	Seppala	Little	3.00	8-12
Smith	John Jacob Astor	Lippincott	3.50	10-12

Many recent publications of the Junior Literary Guild were on display and opportunity was given for an inspection of these attractive books. The selections of the Guild received much favorable comment from the librarians present who had used them and the Book Committee voted to recommend the purchase of memberships in the Junior Literary Guild.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR SCHOOL USE

Beer	Hanna
Bennett	Imperial palace
Erskine	Sincerity
Loth	Ryal Charles
Rival	Madcap Queen
Van Kalckreuth	Three thousand years of Rome
Weigall	Nero
Weigall	Personalities of antiquity
Wharton	Certain people
Yeats-Brown	Lives of a Bengal Lancer

HOLTVILLE

During book week a library tea was given in the library for the faculty. The purpose was to acquaint the teachers with the resources of the library so that they, in turn, might be able to direct their students to a more efficient use of the library. Book and magazine lists were given each teacher and certain special books and reference materials were called to their attention.

We are especially fortunate in having the cooperation of all the departments of our school in making our library a success. The art department provided us with a number of splendid posters for use during book week, the commercial department prepared the book lists, and the wood shop made us a fine bulletin board under which a shelf was placed for the purpose of featuring new and interesting books.

LOS ANGELES

The December meeting of the Los Angeles City School Library Association was held at the Chateau Cafe. Places were marked by attractive water-color doll-sketches made by pupils in the art classes of some of the Los Angeles schools. Also at each place was a copy of the Doll Convention News, in honor of "Hitty."

Miss Katherine Folger, president, presided. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Bryant of the Board of Education, and Mr. Conrad, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, brought greetings. Mrs. Lillian Ford, who, with her husband, edits the Literary Page of the Los Angeles Times, talked most interestingly about the awarding of the Nobel prize in literature to Mr. Sinclair Lewis, and discussed some recent books worth reading. This was a real treat to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

After the dinner the group visited the Book Fair at the Public Library.

It has been decided to postpone our next junior course until June 1. The examination for entrance to this course will be given May 2.

This postponement is necessary because there are a number from other classes who have not been placed in positions. This list must be cleared before another group is trained.

*Faith E. Smith, Principal
Library School
Los Angeles Public Library*

We are glad to announce that Miss Alice Butterfield continues to improve. The cast has been removed from her knee, and she hopes to be able to leave the hospital in time to spend the holidays at home.

North Hollywood High School is proud of its new library, into which Miss Maynard moved her four year's accumulation of books on November 12th. It is the southeast corner of the new wing of the main building which was dedicated by Mr. Gould on November 14th. The library is larger than the old one which has been made into the Senior Study Hall, leaving the old Study Hall as a Junior one.

The library is 67 by 36 feet in length. It is very handsome architecturally, the beamed ceiling being covered with acoustic plaster and the two tones of brown cork tile flooring blending with the cream-tinted walls. The library is furnished with Library Bureau furniture and the book capacity has been enlarged. Large glass doors and stationary windows on the east side, leading to a Spanish iron balcony, also frame a wonderful view of orchards and mountains. The librarian's workroom and office adjoining are conveniently arranged with ample shelving capacity. The Girls' League presented a handsome yellow vase to the library in celebration of the event and it is hoped soon to get drapes for the windows. The seating capacity is seventy now and a number of tables can be added when necessary.

Fremont High School Fair featured three booths. In one, fresh new copies of all the books which have received the Newbery medal, with posters and mounted articles telling the history of the award, and articles in the school paper for the same purpose.

In another booth, all the books received from a year's subscription to the Junior Literary Guild. This subscription was given to the library by the Girls' League in June, with the privilege of choosing from any of the books previously issued, so that by November all the twelve issues to which we were entitled had been received and were held back until Book Week. Much publicity was given the League in this booth, and in the big display case in the main hall, the week previous to Book Week, where the entire set was on exhibit.

In the third booth, a large miscellaneous group of new and annotated copies, attractive

for pleasure and special interest reading was displayed with the privilege of reserving for Friday, a privilege that was largely taken advantage of.

Large posters in the halls and publicity in the school paper, both in the Book Week and the previous issue gave invitation to the school to attend the Book Fair.

PASADENA

At a recent meeting of the Pasadena school librarians, Miss Grace Dick, of the Elementary School Libraries, was chosen chairman for the coming year. Mrs. Lura Culp Nelson will assist her as secretary.

Miss Winifred E. Skinner, librarian of the Pasadena Junior College Library, was present at the national conference of the American Association of Junior Colleges, held at Berkeley, Nov. 17-20. At one session of the Conference she read a paper on the Junior College Library, and presented the standards for a Junior College library, which had been adopted by Junior College librarians at the A. L. A. round table last June. At the Berkeley conference this report of the standards committee was adopted, with some reservations. The Junior College administrators present at the conference showed a very definite attitude of interest and sympathy toward the establishing of standards for their libraries. The president-elect promises a place on the program next year for further discussion of the problem. The entire conference was most sympathetic towards library needs. Miss Skinner is also quite convinced that the secondary school librarians of California have a firm friend in Dr. Riccardi, who is head of the state department of secondary education. After the close of the conference, Miss Skinner spent Thursday and Friday visiting the libraries of Berkeley, Mills College, Oakland, and of the University of California.

SAN DIEGO

Mrs. Francis Neill, formerly librarian at the La Jolla High School, has been appointed librarian at the Point Loma High School. This vacancy was created by the appointment of Miss M. Grace Reely, the former librarian, to the position of librarian at the new Herbert Hoover Senior High School.

SANTA MONICA

This year in John Adams Junior High School we planned to advertise our library during Book Week in a rather showy manner. Among other things the art Department worked out some very clever posters for us. A large one of black paper with gold lettering was designed to cover the whole front of the circulation desk. It said, "Let's Make Every Week Book Week." In order that the students might learn just where different types of books are on our shelves, posters four feet by three were worked out in attractive colors and put above the various types of books we stress in our library.

Above the reference section was a man in Medieval costume with his face behind a book. Over Science stood a man in long flowing robes with a large star behind his head, and stars, half moons, etc. designed on his costume. Above Fine Arts and Household Arts were women in graceful flowing robes with musical instruments, art materials or household implements according to the class represented. Over Travel Books was placed a girl in a green aviator's suit with the silver wings of an airplane behind her. Biography was illustrated by a monk writing at his stand, History by an American Indian, and Fiction by a Medieval prince and princess. On the prince's shield was the word Fiction. On each poster was printed in large letters the types of books represented. Quite an interest was created by them among the children. We are hoping they will promote an understanding of what types of books we stress in our library, and their exact location.

In this school there is a Department of Library Science. Courses in the subject are presented to the B7, A7, and B8 grades. As a result the students have an understanding of the arrangement of our shelves, how to use reference material, and can look up their own books in the Card Catalog. Two large clubs in the school also help to spread an interest in the Library. One consists of 7th and 8th graders. The younger group start out by helping in a rudimentary way, but by the time they are in the 9th grade they are capable of assuming work in the library.

Library Science is gaining a worthy place in the curriculum of the Lincoln Junior High School of Santa Monica. Great improvement is noticed in their appreciation and use of books and library equipment. Circulation records are being broken every month, which

proves that contact and confidence in how to find and use books brings greater appreciation and enjoyment. This course is given to all seventh and eighth grade pupils one period a week.

Book Week was greatly enjoyed by the pupils of Lincoln Junior High School in Santa Monica. Each table in the Library was arranged with an exhibit formed by articles of interest brought by the pupils and surrounded by books on that subject. A model ship served as a center for the "Sea and Adventure" stories; a model airplane for the "Aviation" books; a collection of foreign dolls for the "Travel" books; Indian curios for the "Indian" stories, etc. Nine exhibits were used and the pupils were allowed to place reserves for books that interested them.

Madison School Library has organized a Library Club, which has as members three children from each of the five sixth grades. We have a president who takes charge of the meetings and committees for different things to be handled. During Book Week each section was responsible for certain definite projects to be carried out during the week. One of the most attractive activities resulted in a stage set depicting the story of "The Doomed Prince" taken from the book "The Golden Bird" by Gibson. Other interesting exhibits were Character Cutouts that walked out from our new books, a pictorial map of the world with characters fastened to the location at which the action of the story took place. One section was responsible for book reviews, and we succeeded in getting the best one published in the local news paper. We also obtained some lovely posters, illustrating some of our new books.

A very interesting Book Play was presented to the whole school, Friday November 21. The Library Club handled the staging of the play and directed the activities.

One of the sixth grade boys has made a very interesting "Progress of Aviation," which is on exhibition in the library. During his library periods he read about aviation and at home he worked on his models. He has taken aviation from the very earliest times down to the present day passenger plane. The models are all of cardboard and each plane has been carefully completed.

In the Nature Study classes the children have been studying shells and sea life. Many children have brought interesting shells and sea animals from home to put in our exhibit cases in the library. Among the most interesting is the huge sponge obtained from off the coast of Florida in its natural state.

At McKinley School during November we have been making poetry and picture scrap books, from discarded books and magazines. Two plays were given for book week by the fourth and sixth grades to the assembled school. Cross word puzzles of book titles were made by several classes and distributed, making an exciting game as well as arousing interest in new books.

We had two interesting glass case displays, one of Japanese ivory carving and jewelry, and one of shells.

VENTURA

Ventura has a new school library. The upper four years of the 6-4-4 system here has moved into a new building. Miss Ruth Thomas of Oakland, who has been in school library work in the northern part of the state, is the new librarian.

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